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Public Meetings About Waterfront July 22nd, 24th

(From the D.C. Office of Planning)

*Vision for the SW Waterfront Public Presentation
Monday, July 22, 2002, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St.
S.W.*

As part of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI) the DC Office of Planning and the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) have been working with the Southwest community for more than a year to develop a plan for revitalizing the Southwest waterfront.

Come and learn about revisions to the plan since our last presentation in February. Andrew Altman, DC Director of Planning, and the AWI Team will discuss an exciting vision for new parks, housing, shopping and streetscapes for the Southwest Neighborhood.

Ed. Note – Additional message from the National Capital Revitalization Corporation:

"Also, Andy Altman, Director of Planning, and Lloyd Smith, Acting President and CEO of NCRC, will give a presentation on the SW waterfront plan at the National Building Museum on Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at 6:30 pm."



Proposed view looking north from M St. S.W. toward the Washington Monument along Maine Ave. S.W. This drawing is Power Point slide no. 46 that the National Capital Revitalization Corporation put on its web site last February, showing new buildings planned for the water side of Maine Ave. S.W. where Water St. now stands.

S.W. Pre-teens City Champs



Two championships won by this Southwest baseball team.

By Alvin Hudgens

Two months ago with 15 players, Club #4 Police Boys & Girls clubs started baseball. They entered two 12 and under leagues – Babe Ruth and Little League. With clutch hitting and dominating pitching they are City champions in both leagues.

In the Babe Ruth League they finished the season 11-1, scoring 72 runs in the playoffs while giving up only 5 runs. With Christine and Joshua Benton pitching, they allowed a total of 5 hits in the tournament.

In the Little League, behind great hitting and standout defense by Deshawn Hattix, they overcame a 5-3 lead by Ft. Lincoln to win it in the 6th and final inning. With bases loaded, Deshawn caught a deep shot to right field that would have broken the game open for Ft. Lincoln.

With Joshua and Calvin Mainor on base, this team rallied to finish the season undefeated in the Little League. The team showed great confidence behind senior players Rico, Calvin, Dequintis, Christine and Joshua.

Wiley Branton CDC Meets Thurs., July 25

Any resident of Near Southwest (zip code 20024) or of the strip of near Southeast between the Anacostia and the SE Freeway who is age 18 or over and registers to be a "member" at the meeting may vote at the annual meeting of the Wiley Branton CDC Thurs. July 25 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & M St. S.W. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7 pm. Anyone who registered with the CDC in past years does not have to register again.

The meeting will revive the community development corporation, which has commitments from local developers to finance its efforts at neighborhood improvement.

Six members of the nine member board of directors will be elected at this meeting. The board then elects its own officers at its first board meeting after the annual meeting.

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UPO Weekend Nutrition Now On MLK Ave. SE

The UPO weekend noontime meals for seniors has moved from 401 M St. S.W. to "Pete Green" Center at 2907 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave. S.E.

ANC Approves Way Finding Project

Large signs on Southwest sidewalks will help visitors find their way when a system of "way finding" signs is completed. Similar signs have already been placed downtown.

Southwest sponsors of the project, the SWNA History Task Force, chaired by Margaret Feldman, requested and received endorsement from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D.

Jan Eichhorn Honored on WETA

During July Southwest resident (and former editor of The Southwester) Jan Eichhorn has been featured on WETA TV and radio as a "Hometown Hero" for organizing an after-school program for at-risk children on Capitol Hill, called Friends of Tyler School, although students come from other schools, too.



A media release from WETA reports that FOTS operates year-round with 45 to 60 students ages 5 to

18 coming after school for discussion groups and to use the computer lab. After sharing dinner at 6:30 the students pair off to study with volunteer tutors at their new location at 1527-1529 Penna. Ave. S.E.

During the summer there is a six-week day camp for children and an eight-week evening course of tutoring.

Visitors to www.weta.org/heroes can learn more about Ms. Eichhorn, as well as find volunteer opportunities.

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Swers Walk To Prevent Suicides

Southwest residents are joining in a 26 mile walk from Fairfax, VA to D.C. on Sun. Aug. 17.

Anyone wishing to support this effort for suicide awareness and prevention programs can send donations payable to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 120 Wall Street, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10005, or call 1-888-333-2377 for credit card donations.

ANC Meets Mon., Aug. 12

A special public meeting of ANC 2D has been called to consider housekeeping questions:

1. Bylaws
2. Procedures

The location will be Westminster Church 400 I (Eye) St. S.W. at 7 pm. Under its rules the agenda of special meetings is limited to items announced in the call of the meeting.

Citizens Meet Police July. 31, Aug. 6

The annual "National Night Out," at Metropolitan Police District 1 will be held Tues. Aug. 6 at 6pm at First District Headquarters, 415 4th St. S.W., instead of the monthly meeting of 1D Citizens Advisory Council. For information try 727-9353, Sgt. Janifer.

On Wed. July 31 at the Police Harbor Patrol at 550 Water St. S.W. a similar meeting will focus on Southwest (PSAs 107 and 110) from 5 pm to 8 pm. Refreshments are planned for both events.

S.W. Library Has Wilson High Reading List

Summer reading suggested for Wilson High students can be found at the Southwest Branch Library, near 3rd and K St. S.W.

Visit...
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Southwest D.C.'s Website

Southwest Community Calendar July - Aug. 2002

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MON. -THURS. JULY 22-25, Jefferson Jr. High Open House mornings at the school at 8th and H St. S.W.

MON. JULY 22, Public meeting on Southwest Waterfront Plans St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St. S.W. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 pm

THURS. JULY 25, Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation public meeting for annual election of board members. St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. S.W. Registration 6:30 pm. Meeting 7 pm.

TUES. AUG. 6, Police Citizens Advisory Committee - 415 4th St. S.W. - 7 pm replaced by National Night Out, 6pm

MON. AUG. 12, ANC 2D Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W. 7 pm. Special public meeting

WEEKLY & BIWEEKLY MEETINGS

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Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. Aug. 7 to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284.

Bike Tour Will Close SW Streets Sat. Sep. 14

For 5 hours from 10 am to 3:30 pm one or more lanes of the following Southwest streets will be closed for a BikeDC tour. D.C. Police will be stationed along the route.

Potomac Ave. from Half to 2nd S.W.

R St. S.W. from 1st to 2nd SW

2nd St. SW from R to P SW

Canal St. from P to Delaware SW

Delaware from Canal to I St. SW

I St. from Delaware to 7th St. SW

Maine Ave. SW from 7th to 12th SW

12th St. SW from Maine to Indep.

12th St. Tunnel

Fourth St. Traffic Study Starting

At a July 1 meeting in Southwest the D.C. Dept. of Transportation explained how it will conduct a study on the effect of reopening 4th St. S.W. at Waterside Mall. Members of the audience urged a broader scope to the study.

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (202-628-2500) states on its web site (www.waba.org) that proceeds from the tour will be to support the advocacy efforts of WABA and the National Capital Food Bank.

"Catina Marina," Comes To S.W. Waterfront

The tower building and patio beyond the former Gangplank Restaurant will open in a few weeks as "Catina Marina," a BBQ, Tex-Mex and seafood restaurant.

The new owners now operate "Capital Q," a barbeque café and carry-out at 707 H St. N.W. at the Chinatown stop of the Green Line.

Their skill at operating a restaurant wins them recognition among "100 Best" in the Washingtonian magazine - the June, 2002 issue, for example.

The National Capital Revitalization Corporation owns the land and has given Catina Marina a 5 year lease as part of its redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront.



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SW Volunteers Spruce Up The Neighborhood

On a rainy June 15 morning, volunteers took to the streets of Southwest to clear them of litter. The Saturday morning effort to remove unsightly bottles and paper was done in conjunction with D.C.'s Clean City Initiative.

"The first time a few months ago, we had 10 people sign up but only five actually showed up and worked. This time, we had twice as many volunteers, including two very young energetic helpers, Sidney and Tyler from Carrollburg Place, as well as representatives from some area businesses," said ANC Commissioner Mary C. Williams, who organized the cleanup with assistance from the D.C. Dept. of Public Works Helping Hand Program director Tom Day and Clean City Coordinator Vincent Spaulding.

Volunteers armed with plastic gloves and yellow garbage bags collected more than 50 bags of trash and a truck-load of debris from areas around the city. A majority of the volunteers were Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc., board members, but several area businesses, including Bernstein's Liquor Store owner Park Young and Capital City Limousine participated. Oris Tucker collected trash and mowed weeds outside the M St. Liquor Store. Jeremy Hotten, manager of the S.W. Post Office also had the parking area and median near his building cleaned up.

"By doing this monthly cleanup, we not only want to keep our neighborhood streets clean, but we are hoping to enlist the community's help I adding some sparkle to our area through beautification projects, such as a flower or vegetable garden on a vacant lot. Also, we hope to inspire business owners to landscape their areas and to engage them in educating their customers to respect our area by disposing of litter properly," Williams said.

SWNA District 4 representative Betty Clark and her husband Mark led a team of workers along the M St. corridor from Water-side Mall to So. Capitol St. and through the alleyway behind Half St.

SWNA Board member Naomi Monk and Randy Stephens of Second Union Baptist Church on Delaware Ave., joined forces to supervise work at Randall Community Center, while SWNA Secretary Camille Cunningham and SWNA Board member Perry Klein took on the mounds of litter at Lansburg Park on Delaware Ave.

Bob Mittendorf, SWNA's second vice president, brought his van to transport some of the excess debris and SWNA District Rep. Meg Brinkman tackled the route from M St. to Canal, south to O St. near Ft. McNair, and up Fourth St. Southwet Kiwini Club President Willie Robinson also volunteered.

Anyone interested in helping with the August cleanup should call 488-0869 or send an e-mail to mislaw1121@aol.com. Organizations or groups willing to adopt a block under the Clean City Initiative should contact Vincent Spaulding at 671-1403, or Vincent.Spaulding@dc.gov.



Clean City volunteers



Arena Stage's New Design On View Aug. 15

(From Arena Stage)

Southwest residents got a first look at Arena Stage's plans for their expansion project at the July 8th meeting of ANC 2D. Arena Stage Executive Director Stephen Richard introduced architect Bing Thom, who presented a slide show displaying a proposed design concept for the present theater site at 6th St. and Maine Ave., S.W.

The plan roughly doubles the space in the building and preserves the existing quantity of parking. A third performance space is added to the existing Fichandler and Kreeger theaters,

which are preserved.

To address the theater's acoustic needs, the complex will be wrapped in a glass wall structure under a large, flat roof.

Mr. Richard emphasized that the project is still very tentative, depending on approvals and successful fundraising.

Arena Stage will display their proposed expansion plans for Southwest residents again on Thurs. Aug. 15 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Old Vat room at the theater. This event will give Arena Stage's neighbors a chance to view the current concept design and ask questions about the project.

Jefferson Jr. HS Holds Open House July 22-26

Students and the public will be welcome to visit Jefferson Jr. High during the mornings during the week of July 22-26.

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Social Service Mini-Grant Keeps Kids Busy

By Jean Macdonald, YATF Chair

Thanks to a Social Service Enrichment Mini-Grant from the D.C. Dept. of Human Services dozens of Southwest kids continue to have fun, while learning self-discipline and healthy activity through Tae Kwon Do lessons.

SWNA's Youth Activities Task Force has been busy coordinating and supporting this and other programs in the SW. At MPBG Club #4 directed by Alvin Hudgens, we are sponsoring registration fees for a team of 22 young footballers. The Club continues to win all sorts of championships this year!


Tae Kwon Do classes are held at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00am. Randall Rec Center youth will participate in these classes.

King Greenleaf youth will join Randall Rec for morning swimming lessons. Both Recreation Centers have been granted funds from YATF for equipment and supplies needed in the daily programs. Also being funded is a teen mentoring program at Syphax, begun by Rhonda Hamilton, an honoree at our 20th anniversary benefit.

A girls program "In the Know" is taking place at King Greenleaf, and there will be knitting and crocheting classes there also, with Randall youth welcome to attend.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Tennis lessons have not begun because we haven't located volunteer instructors. Randall Rec wants books and tutors in reading and math—any time during the day, Monday to Friday. Also, if there is a chess player/teacher, we would like to restart our chess games. For further information call: Ms. Zakiya Brown, Director, at Randall 727-5505; Marcus Ellis, Director, at King Greenleaf 727-5454 or Dr. Beryl Rice at 554-4235. ■





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Voters will mark new-looking cardboard ballots with a pencil or special voting pen by making a pencil mark joining two halves of an arrow next to a candidate's name.

Two sides of the ballot may be used for different offices.

The voter then puts the ballot into a counting machine. If a voter makes a mistake—such as voting for two persons for the same office—the machine rejects the ballot and the voter gets a new ballot and votes again. ■

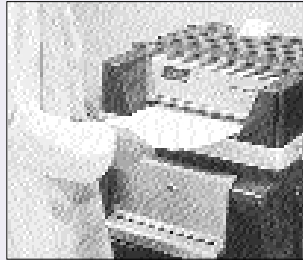
Pick Up ANC Petitions Aug. 7

The first day for picking up nominating petitions from the Bureau of Elections and Ethics (BOEE) to run in the November election to be a commissioner on an advisory neighborhood commission is Wed. Aug. 7. The BOEE is located at 441 Fourth St., NW, Suite 250 North. Candidates must collect at least 25 signatures of registered voters who live in the single member district (SMD) of the ANC seat the candidate hopes to fill and turn them back to BOEE by Friday, Sep. 6 by 5 pm. On Friday, Sep. 13 there will be a lottery to determine ballot position if there are more than one candidate in that SMD.

Richard Westbrook, long time commissioner for single member district 01 has announced he will not run for re-election. ■

Demonstration Ballot

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JOHN DEWEY	← →
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Ballots in D.C.'s Sep. and Nov. elections this year will look like this demonstration ballot, (names are for an imaginary election, of course). Voters mark with a pencil joining two halves of an arrow next to a candidate's name.

Sep. 10 Primary Election Races

In the primary election Tues., Sep. 10, voters in Southwest, D.C., will have several offices for which to pick party candidates who will then run in the Nov. 5 general election.

Voters registered as Democratic, Republican, or D.C. Statehood Green party members can vote for candidates for five offices: Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, Mayor, Chairman of the Council, Council Member at Large and 6th Ward Council Member. "Shadow" offices for U.S. Senator

and U. S. Representative will be on the Sep. ballot also. Voters registered not with one of the parties, but as independents, cannot vote in the Sep. primary. A voter can change his or her party affiliation or status as an independent voter until August 12.

All registered voters can vote in the general election on Nov. 5. Those same 7 offices will be on the ballot again plus the school board and advisory neighborhood commissions (ANCs). Also on the ballot in November will be such election issues as medical marihuana. ■

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Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and other officials made appearances. ■



Four Teams Start Football For Clubhouse #4

By Alvin Hudgens

\$60 registration and daily practice has started for four teams at MPD Club #4 – Mitey Mights (65 lb. ages 7, 8, 9) Junior Pee-wee (75 lb. ages 9, 10, 11), Pee-wee (90 lb., ages 10-11-12), and Junior Midget (105 lb. ages 11, 12, 13).

The following documents are needed at registration:

- Registration fee - \$60
- Birth certificate
- A 2002 physical form signed by your doctor
- A signed participation form
- A signed membership card in Club #4
- Your school report card by Aug. 20, 2002.

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Arthur Capper Team Wins In Summer BB

By Alvin Hudgens

The Arthur Capper basketball team won the

second strait S.W. Summer Youth Basketball championship, defeating the excellent Channel Square team 52 to 44. Even without starting point guard

"Speedy" Antwan Knight, the Capper Squad controlled the tempo.

With great rebounding from Curtis and great leadership from Terrance and Arron, the Cappers team overcame the lack of height. Compliments go to Dion "Stuff" and Nikko for their great championship game heroics.

The games were played in the evenings at King-Greenleaf outdoor courts and had 300 fans, music, play-by-play announcing and great action.

The first night started with dunks, three pointers and upsets. The 2000 champion King Greenleaf - 1 was knocked out in the first round by James Creek-2, which is coached by six time MVP Kevin Patterson of the youth and adult leagues.

Other first round winners were Channel Square over James Creek - 1, 45-38, Greenleaf-2 over Slam Jam, the women's AAU team, 52-34, and Arthur Capper over "203" 41-35.

Special thanks to the sponsors: Inspector Hoey & staff of the Office of Youth Violence/MPD, The S.W. Cavaliers, S.W. Community House, First District MPD, DJ Show-Nuff Donald Covington, Announcer Baybay Shannon, Club House #4,

DCPR-Greenleaf, Bmad Sports, and The Southwester. ■

Summer STARS Enrolls Over 100 At Jefferson Jr.

This summer at Jefferson Jr. High core subjects are being taught to over 100 students by master teachers - mostly high school teachers - from throughout the school system.

Subjects include English/Literature, Math 7, Pre-Algebra, Life Science, Environmental Science, American History and World Geography.

Special software and the internet are being used for subject matter and skill development.

Over 40 of the students are English-as-Second-Language (ESL) students from Asia, Africa, Central and South America. ■



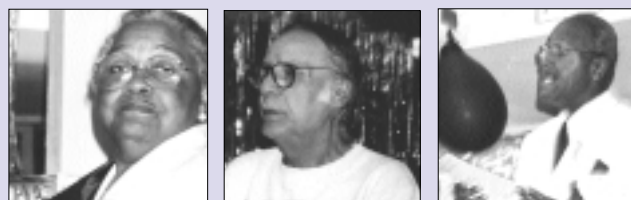
The winning Arthur Capper team with trophies supplied by the Office of Youth Violence MPD, which was represented by Inspector Hoey, second from the right.

Scenes From Summer BB



Seniors Perform At Greenleaf

A talent show with dancing, singing, and reciting poems and the Declaration of Independence was held at the Greenleaf Seniors building at 1200 Delaware Ave., S.W. in June, as pictures here show. ■



Southwest House Senior Picnic



Music, food and fun brought dozens of seniors outside for an old-fashioned picnic at King-Greenleaf in June.

David Brewer, executive director of Southwest Community House, which sponsored the event, was on hand. ■



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